

TRUSTEES of PUBLIC RESERVATIONS



THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

NINETEEN TWENTY-FIVE

1926

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to the Trustees of Public Reservations, created by chapter 352 of the Acts of the Legislature of Massachusetts for the year 1891, the sum of _____

_____ dollars.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The treasurer is John S. Ames, Ames Building, Boston. The secretary is Charles W. Eliot, 2nd, 9 Park Street, Boston, Mass.

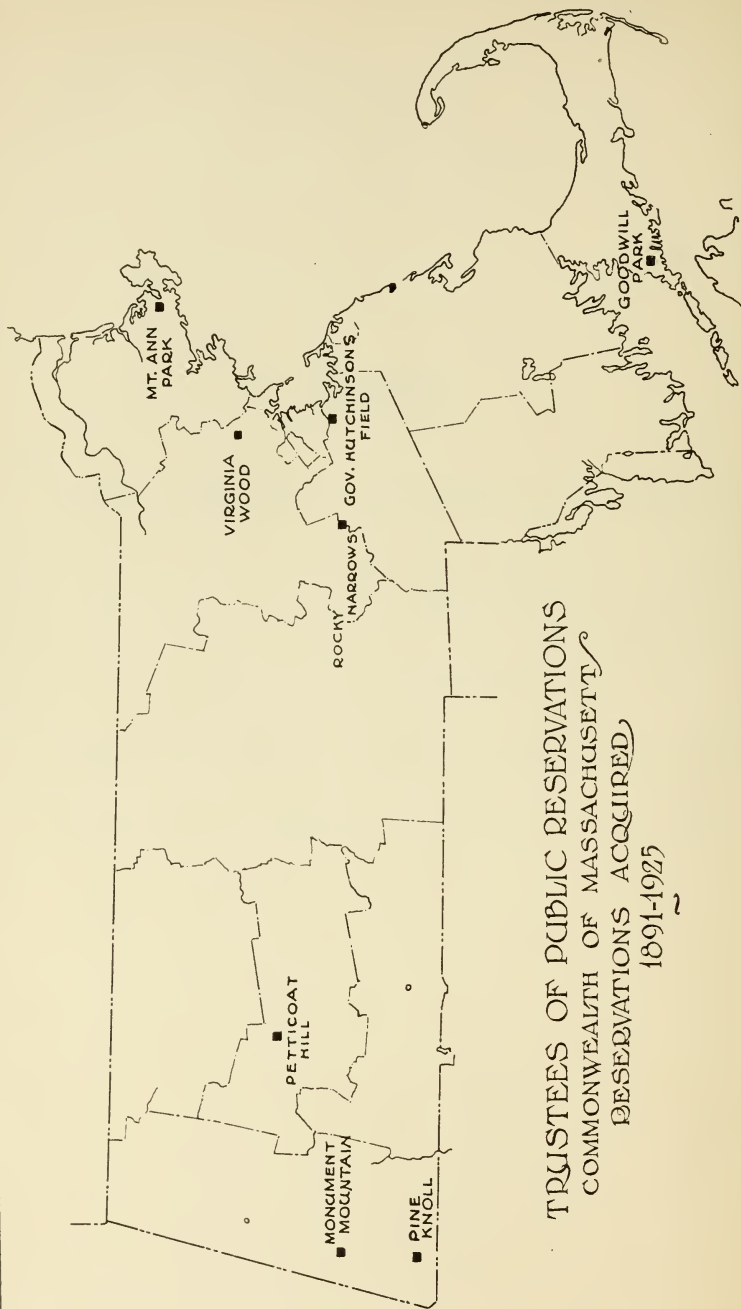
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TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
RESERVATIONS ACQUIRED,
1891-1925

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirty-fifth annual report.

Thirty-five years ago this corporation was established, by chapter 352, Acts of 1891, for the

“purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining and opening to the public under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth.”

The Trustees are authorized to acquire land by gift, devise, or purchase, and to hold such lands open to the public and free of taxation. The corporation may receive funds for the care of land and for general purposes up to one million dollars.

Briefly, “this Board was created in order to provide a ready and absolutely trustworthy instrument by means of which persons who may desire to effect the permanent preservation of any interesting or lovely spot in Massachusetts can accomplish their purpose without difficulty or delay from legal causes.”

During these thirty-five years, the Trustees have received by gift eight reservations, together with generous donations for general and particular purposes.

Reservations.

	Acres.
Virginia Wood, Stoneham	20
Goodwill Park, Falmouth	139
Rocky Narrows, Sherborn	21
Mount Ann Park, Gloucester	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton	10
Monument Mountain Reservation, Great Barrington	260
Pine Knoll, Sheffield	6
Petticoat Hill, Williamsburg	60

These reservations are administered by the Standing Committee through Local Committees in co-operation with the Field Secretary. Custodians or local administrators act under the direction of the Field Secretary. A report of the Field Secretary on each reservation, with account of activities of the last year and recommended action for next year, is submitted herewith.

Established Funds.

General Purpose Fund:

Virginia Wood subscription, 1891-92	\$2,000
Legacy of Joseph P. Glover, 1902	2,000
Legacy of Henry Pickering, 1909	5,000
Legacy of A. E. Estabrook, 1923-24-25	23,750

Monument Mountain Reservation:

Miss Helen C. Butler, 1899-1906	7,000
Pine Knoll, Mary E. Dewey, 1903	1,000
Mount Ann Park, Minot Family and Friends	1,000
Petticoat Hill, Mrs. Martha W. Nash, 1906	1,000

A more complete list and the Treasurer's Report will be found on page 27.

During all of the earlier years of the existence of this Board, the work was seriously handicapped by lack of funds for the care of reservations and for general purposes. On several occasions the Trustees have had to refuse gifts of land and buildings because without the funds to properly care for them. The Standing Committee has been encouraged by recent bequests to believe that other donors may now come forward to provide additional unrestricted funds for the general purposes of the Trustees.

Other Activities of the Trustees.

Information concerning Open Spaces, 1891-92-93. — Soon after its organization, this Board undertook to obtain information on the general subject of open spaces in Massachusetts. The reports of the agent of the Board, Mr. J. B. Harrison, on the extent and condition of "Public Holdings in the Shore Towns," were printed as appendices to the first and third reports of the Trustees. In addition to these reports statistical information and compilations of laws relating to open spaces were also prepared and printed. A list of the material printed as appendices to previous reports is submitted herewith as Appendix A.

Metropolitan Park System. — Late in the year 1891 the Trustees called a meeting of the local park commissioners and committees from the towns and cities of the Boston Metropolitan District, which was held at the office of the Boston Park Commission on December 16, 1891. The result of this meeting was the creation by the Legislature of 1892 of a commission to prepare a comprehensive plan for a Metropolitan Park System. It will always be a mark of distinction to the Trustees that they had so important a part in the inception of this highly successful undertaking.

Province Lands. — One of the early reports of the Agent of the Trustees, Mr. Harrison, called attention to the large tract of public domain at the end of Cape Cod which is known as the Province Lands. This Board referred the report to the General Court. The Legislature of 1892, misunderstanding the unofficial character of the Board, passed an act directing the Trustees to investigate the matter further, and to submit a plan for reclamation and permanent protection of the area against drifting sand. The Trustees accepted the public duty imposed upon them, and through their Standing Committee prepared and presented to the following Legislature a report which was printed as a public document and as an appendix to its Second Annual Report. The recommendations made by the Trustees were adopted.

Outdoor Advertising. — The Trustees have always taken a lively interest in the movement for the restriction of offensive outdoor advertising. On occasion they have been instrumental in strengthening the laws against the defacement of natural objects by advertisements, and are ready to do so again.

Activities of the Year.

The activities of the year covered by this report have been along lines similar to those followed in the past.

Office of Secretary and Field Secretary. — At the last annual meeting of the Corporation Mr. Henry H. Richardson was elected Secretary, but later declined to serve. In accordance with Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws, the Standing Committee proceeded at the next meeting to fill the vacancy by the election of Charles W. Eliot 2nd, who has served as Secretary since April 1, 1925. Prior to this time and in pursuance of the vote of the Corporation at the last annual meeting, the Standing Committee had engaged the services of Mr. Eliot as Field Secretary to perform the duties suggested in the last Annual Report.

Estabrook Bequests. — The generous bequest of Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook for the general purposes of the Corporation was noted in the Annual Report for 1922. An additional part payment of this legacy has just been received. By the terms of the will of his wife, Mrs. Ida F. Estabrook, the same organizations which were benefited by her husband's bequests were again remembered. Litigation concerning this provision of her will has delayed payment, but the Standing Committee has authorized the acceptance of the sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars based upon the decision of Judge Braley.

Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces in Massachusetts, 1925. — Since 1893, when the Annual Report of the Trustees included some information on "Public Holdings of the Shore Towns of Massachusetts," there has been no published data available concerning public open spaces in Massachusetts. Large increases have been made in the public holdings of the towns, cities and State, as well as in

the holdings of semi-public organizations such as the Trustees of Public Reservations.

Since 1891, when this Corporation was formed, a large number of new organizations and government departments have undertaken work in this field. It is evidently desirable that these organizations should co-operate wherever possible. The Standing Committee, therefore, authorized the Secretary "to invite the co-operation of two or more other societies to call a general conference of representatives of organizations and other persons interested in the needs and uses of Open Spaces in Massachusetts."

Ten societies joined with the Trustees in calling a conference which met on May 14, 1925, and over which Mr. B. Loring Young presided. President Eliot, Commissioner Williams of the Department of Public Works, and Mr. Bailey, the State Forester, spoke. The result of this meeting was the appointment of an executive committee, of which Mr. Charles S. Bird, Jr., is chairman, to promote "co-operation among existing organizations and government departments interested in the provision, distribution, development and maintenance of Open Spaces in Massachusetts."

An account of the activities of that committee accompanies this report. The chief work to date has been the collection of information concerning existing public holdings and the recording of those areas on Geological Survey Sheets.

Public Beaches. — A Special Commission appointed under the provisions of chapter 26, Resolves of 1925, on Public Beaches, has been "investigating opportunities for access by the public to beaches." The whole question of the rights of the public and ownership of the beaches on Cape Cod is now before the courts. The Trustees of Public Reservations are naturally interested, and particularly because of their work in 1892 in relation to the Province Lands. The Standing Committee is following all developments, and hopes next year to be able to report substantial progress looking to "protection of beaches for the public and to secure their more complete enjoyment by the public."

Restriction of Outdoor Advertising. — The enforcement of all restrictions upon billboards in this State is now held up pending argument and decision on two injunction cases brought by the combined bill-posting companies of the United States. A committee has been organized to defend the law, and the Trustees are co-operating with this committee to aid the town of Concord to carry its case to a successful issue.

Report of Field Secretary on the Reservations.

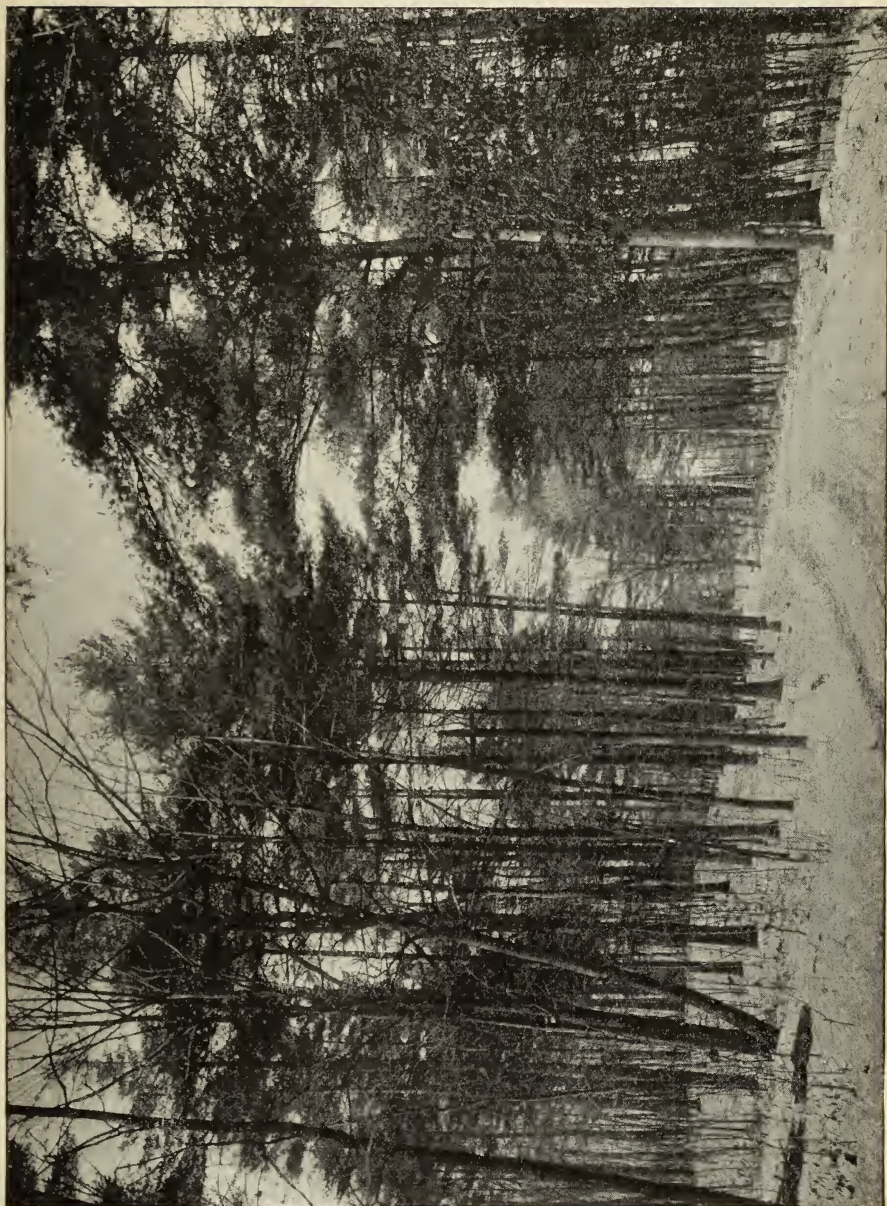
The suggestion contained in the last Annual Report concerning the appointment of a Field Secretary was adopted by the Corporation at the last meeting. The duties of the office are to visit the reservations, to report findings to the Standing Committee, to oversee authorized expenditures, and to direct the custodians as to their duties.

The Field Secretary has visited all of the reservations at least once during the year, and in some cases several times. A brief report on each reservation, the work of the last year, and particular needs is submitted herewith.

Virginia Wood (20 acres). — Given by Fanny Foster Tudor in memory of her daughter, Virginia Tudor, 1894. A fund of two thousand dollars for care and maintenance was raised at the same time.

The reservation is a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation of the Metropolitan Park System in the town of Stoneham near the Melrose line. It lies between Ravine Road, Woodland Road and Pond Street, and may be easily reached from Wyoming Station on the Western Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The tract is beautifully wooded with pine and hemlock, and is traversed by Spot Pond Brook.

Since 1894 the Metropolitan Park Commission has cared for the Virginia Wood as a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The identity of the Wood has been preserved by a tablet and by marking the boundaries with stone bounds. In 1923, after long deliberation and by authority of the General Court (chapter 219, Acts of 1923), the Trustees formally turned over the title to the Commonwealth.



VIRGINIA WOOD. — Ravine Road.

The act, deed and votes relating to this action of the Trustees were printed as an appendix to the Thirty-third Annual Report.

Early in 1924, after consultation with the Attorney-General, and after obtaining the consent of all subscribers who gave twenty-five or more dollars, the Virginia Wood Fund was combined with the General Purpose Fund of the Trustees.

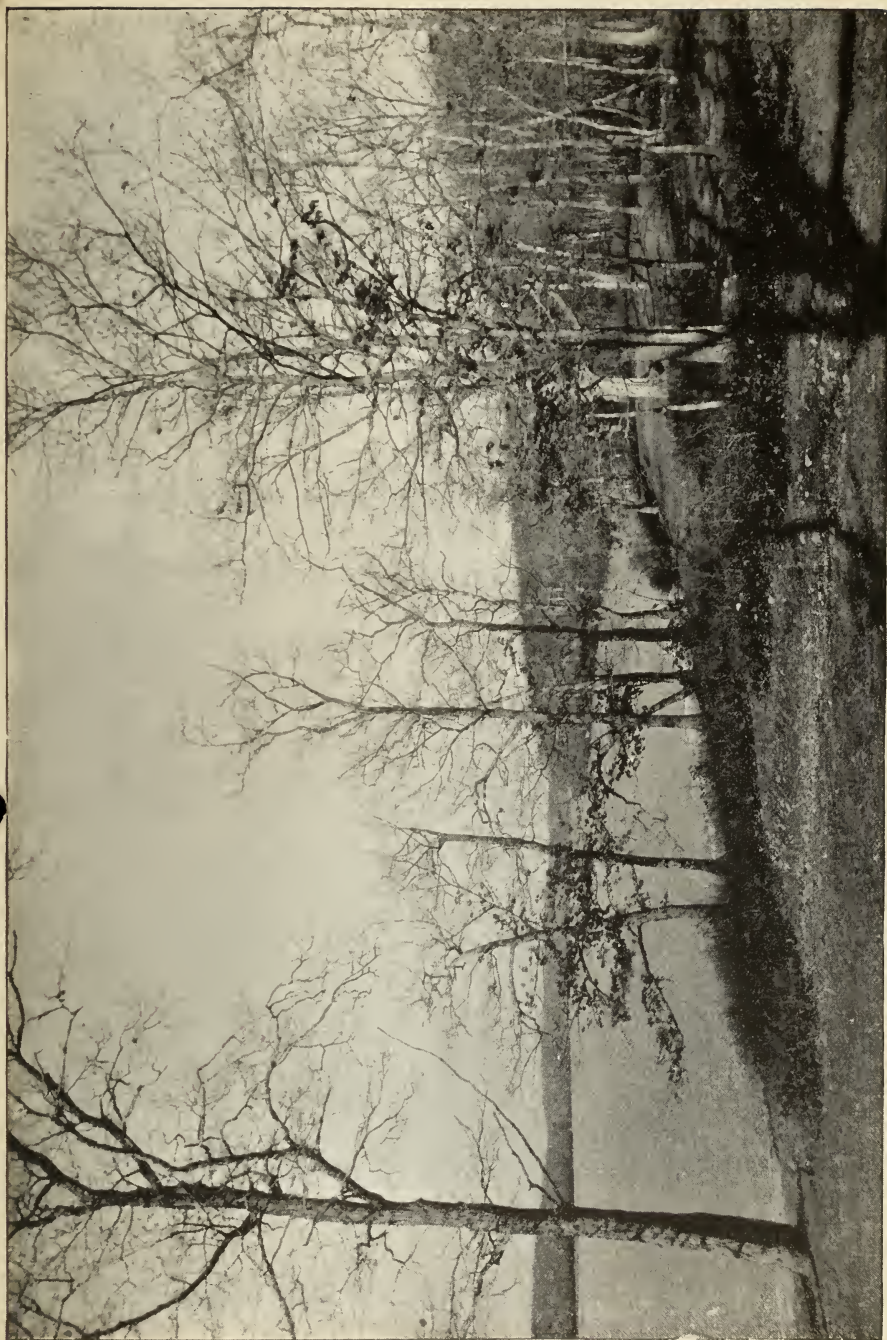
While no longer actively responsible for this reservation, the Standing Committee are naturally interested to see to it as far as possible, that the original purposes of this first gift to the Trustees are being properly carried out.

Goodwill Park (139 acres). — Given by Mr. Joseph Story Fay as an expression of his goodwill towards Falmouth in 1894, and added to by his children and others in following years. At various times Mr. Fay gave sums for the care of the reservation, and for many years the town of Falmouth has made an annual appropriation of three hundred dollars to meet upkeep expenses. Mr. E. Pierson Beebe, Mr. Philip Spalding, and Mr. W. E. Lawrence are the Local Committee.

The reservation includes Grew's Pond and borders on Long Pond which is used for water supply purposes by the town. It is approached by two park roads from the State highway on the west or from Gifford Road on the east. The tract is thickly wooded except near Long Pond where a picnic place and shelter is located. A few years ago a large number of pine and spruce seedlings were set out to eventually replace some of the old and dying oaks.

This year the reservation has received the usual care, such as road repair, grass mowing, collection of refuse, etc., under the direction of the local committee, and this work has been paid for by appropriation from the town.

The chief need of this reservation is an improvement of its boundaries. The properties now held are in three separate pieces which should be connected. Since Long Pond is used for water supply, the town is naturally interested in preserving the shores for its protection, and



GOODWILL PARK. — Looking up Long Pond.

would certainly be glad to co-operate with the Trustees in this matter. The rapid increase in land values on Cape Cod suggests the advisability of prompt action. It might well be argued that the abutting property owners and the town would both be benefited by the extension of the park around the pond, — the town by the protection of its water supply, and the abutters by the assurance of attractive, open frontage looking over park land to the pond.

Rocky Narrows (21 acres). — Gift of Augustus Hemenway, 1897. Mr. Hemenway also gave one hundred dollars for the care of the reservation in 1900. Improvements were also paid for by Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook during his lifetime. Mr. Henry M. Channing is the Local Committee.

Known to canoeists as the "Gates of the Charles," the Rocky Narrows in Sherborn and Medfield are one of the most unique features of the scenery along the Charles River. The Reservation includes a camping place, a meadow framed by a wooded ridge and known as the "Dingle Hole," and a high ledge crowned with hemlocks which forms half of the gorge from which the reservation takes its name. Access by land is difficult and circuitous, but by water it is pleasant and easy.

The reservation is much visited by canoeists who often stay and camp. The Standing Committee has adopted rules governing camping and set aside a special place for that use. Enforcement of these rules has been difficult at times, but with the co-operation of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation good order has been maintained.

This year the only work done on the reservation has been to clean the rubbish left by careless visitors from the ledge. Arrangements have been made to replace the existing signs early next season. The spring should be cleared and signs erected to show its location. To date no market has been found for the dead chestnut at the upper end of the reservation. Considering the difficulty of approach by road, it is unlikely that any market will be found, and it will probably be necessary to cut and burn the wood on the spot.



ROCKY NARROWS. — The Gates of the Charles.

The funds held for the care of this reservation are hardly sufficient for operations of this character.

Mount Ann Park (50 acres).— Gift of William, Charles S., Robert S. and Lawrence Minot in memory of their brother, Henry Davis Minot, 1897. A fund of one thousand dollars was subscribed by personal friends and members of the family. Mr. George Wigglesworth and Mr. Sydney F. Haskell are the Local Committee.

The Park lies in West Gloucester and near the Essex Road. Mount Ann (often called Thompson's Mountain) is the highest elevation on Cape Ann, and the view from the top is extensive. The park includes this summit and a glen with very fine hemlocks and some large boulders. It is a condition of the deed that this tract of land shall be preserved as a wild park, and little has been done beyond keeping the main paths open.

This year the reservation escaped damage from forest fires which again threatened the Park. The recurrence of the fire problem in that vicinity has again suggested the advisability of erecting a fire tower on Mount Ann, but although seriously discussed, conversations with State officials to that end have so far failed of any results in that direction.

The conversations have resulted, however, in a visit to the reservation by the assistant State Forester, in company with the Field Secretary, and the planning out of work which should be undertaken to preserve the safety and health of the trees. It is hoped that with the co-operation of the custodian, Mr. Haskell, this work may be started this winter.

For several years attention has been called to the need of a better approach from the highway. As soon as the problem is settled, a tablet showing the memorial character of the Park should be erected either at the entrance or at the top of the mountain.

The possibility of improving the boundaries of the reservation on the south is also worthy of attention. The Dyke's Meadow Reservoir lies just south of the reservation, but is



MOUNT ANNE RESERVATION. — Southeast View.

separated by a strip of land which prevents the use of two public reservations as one. No funds are available for the acquisition of more land at this point or for a better approach over land next the highway.

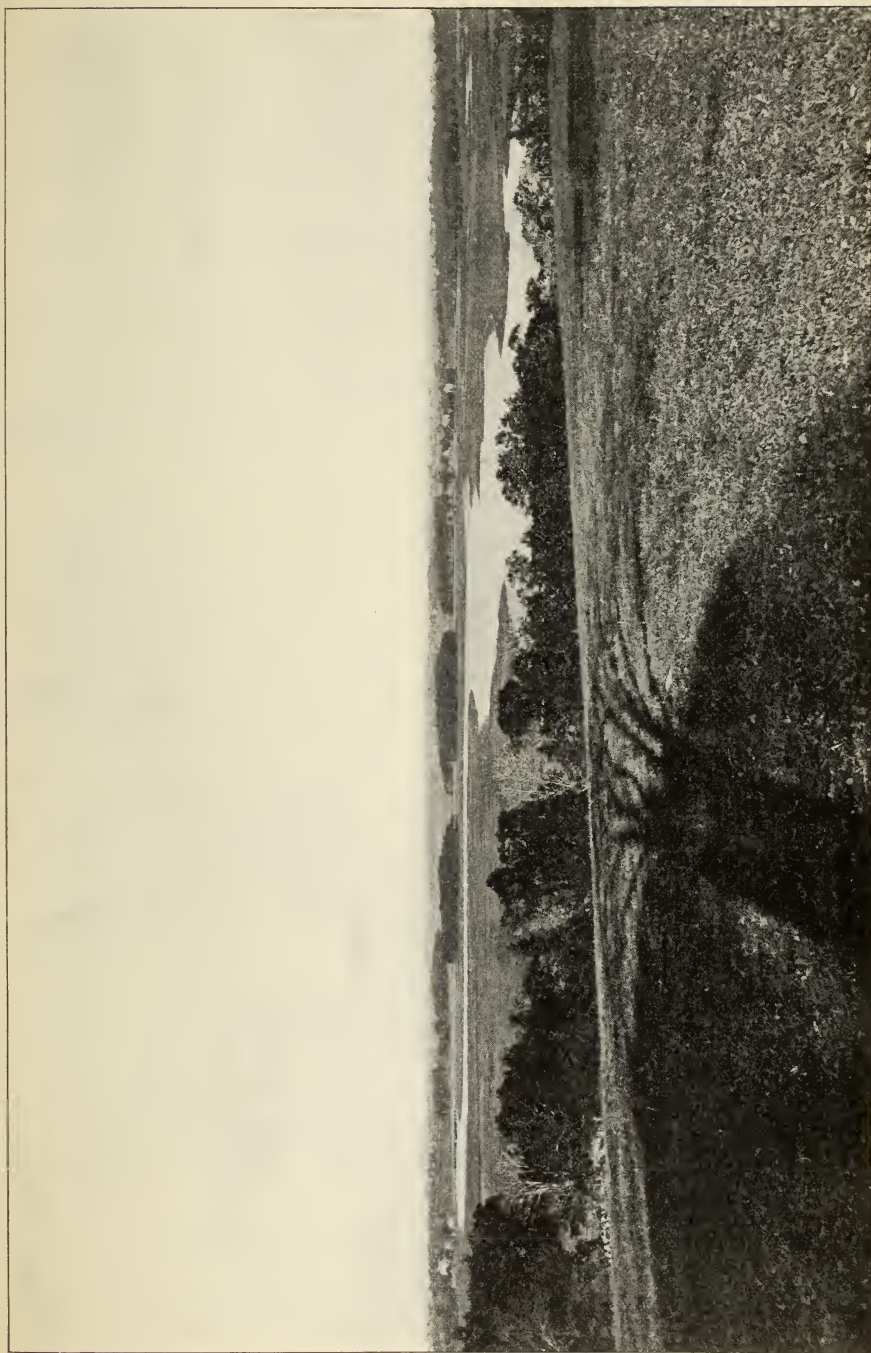
Governor Hutchinson's Field (10 acres). — Mr. John M. Forbes and his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Cunningham, gave nearly three-quarters of the land, and the remaining portion was purchased from funds obtained by subscriptions. Further subscriptions and a bequest of one thousand four hundred dollars under the will of Mrs. Cunningham have provided funds for the care of the Field. Messrs. Nathaniel T. Kidder, E. W. Forbes, and Charles S. Rackemann are the Local Committee.

The reservation is an open field extending from the highway on Milton Hill down to the Neponset River. The view is over the Neponset Meadows which are now a part of the Metropolitan Park System.

The customary work has been carried on this year as heretofore. The grass was cut as usual. A heavy wind-storm during the summer did some damage to the large beech trees at the foot of the reservation. This winter the town of Milton has erected a temporary fence parallel to Adams Street in the hope of preventing snow from drifting into the road. The fence is only temporary and will be removed in the spring.

Monument Mountain (260 acres). — Gift of the late Miss Helen C. Butler of New York in 1899 "in fulfillment of the wish of the late Rosalie Butler, that it might be preserved forever for the enjoyment of the public." Miss Butler's original gift was accompanied by two thousand dollars for the care of the reservation, and this fund was increased by an additional gift from her of five thousand dollars in 1906.

The reservation lies close to the Stockbridge-Great Barrington line and beside the main road connecting those places. It includes the east peak — Squaw Peak — and the ridge to the south. A wood road from the highway skirts around the southern end of the ridge and up the west side to a picnic grove in the valley between the east and west



GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

peaks. Paths from the highway and from the picnic place lead to the top near which a Memorial Rock has been inscribed. The views from the rock and from the top are very extensive, and the mountain itself is a feature of the scenery of the region.

By an agreement with the Laurel Hill Association of Stockbridge (text published as appendix of 1921 Annual Report) the care of the reservation has been turned over to a committee of that organization. The financial report of the Committee of the Laurel Hill Association for this year is included with the Treasurer's report.

The Committee's report for this year indicates unusual activity and substantial accomplishments. The Field Secretary has made two visits to the reservation, and on the occasion of the second visit co-operated with the chairman, Mr. W. H. Clarke, in planning the work for the year. This work included "thinning of pines, clearing of brush and stump growth along the highway, clearing brush in the vista from the Memorial Rock, cutting out undergrowth for several rods around the picnic grove, destroying of brush and stump growth along the wood road for some distance, and the cutting of dead timber on top of the mountain and along the upper ranges of the burnt-over tract, also repair of trails."

Mr. Clarke reports: "the young pines set out a few years ago seem to be coming along; and as stump growth, brush and briars are cleared out, hardwood and pine are coming in sufficiently to make planting unnecessary over considerable areas where some two years ago it did seem necessary."

By agreement with the Laurel Hill Association the arrangement of the Trustee's with E. B. Drumm of Stockbridge concerning the removal of dead chestnut trees from the reservation is to terminate on April 1, 1926. This step was taken to simplify the relations existing between the Trustees and the Association.

It should be kept in mind that the reservation as now bounded includes only one peak of the Mountain. If opportunity offers, funds are available, or if some other public-



MONUMENT MOUNTAIN FROM STOCKBRIDGE.

spirited citizen may wish to follow the example of the late donor of the existing park, the reservation of the north side of the Mountain for the public would be an ideal and permanent memorial to a lover of nature and of this region.

A memorial path from the Hickey Farm to the summit or along the ridge, with a fund for maintenance, might also be suggested. Such paths have been built with great success in the Lafayette National Park at Mount Desert. This reservation at Monument Mountain, the largest held by the Trustees, offers similar opportunities.

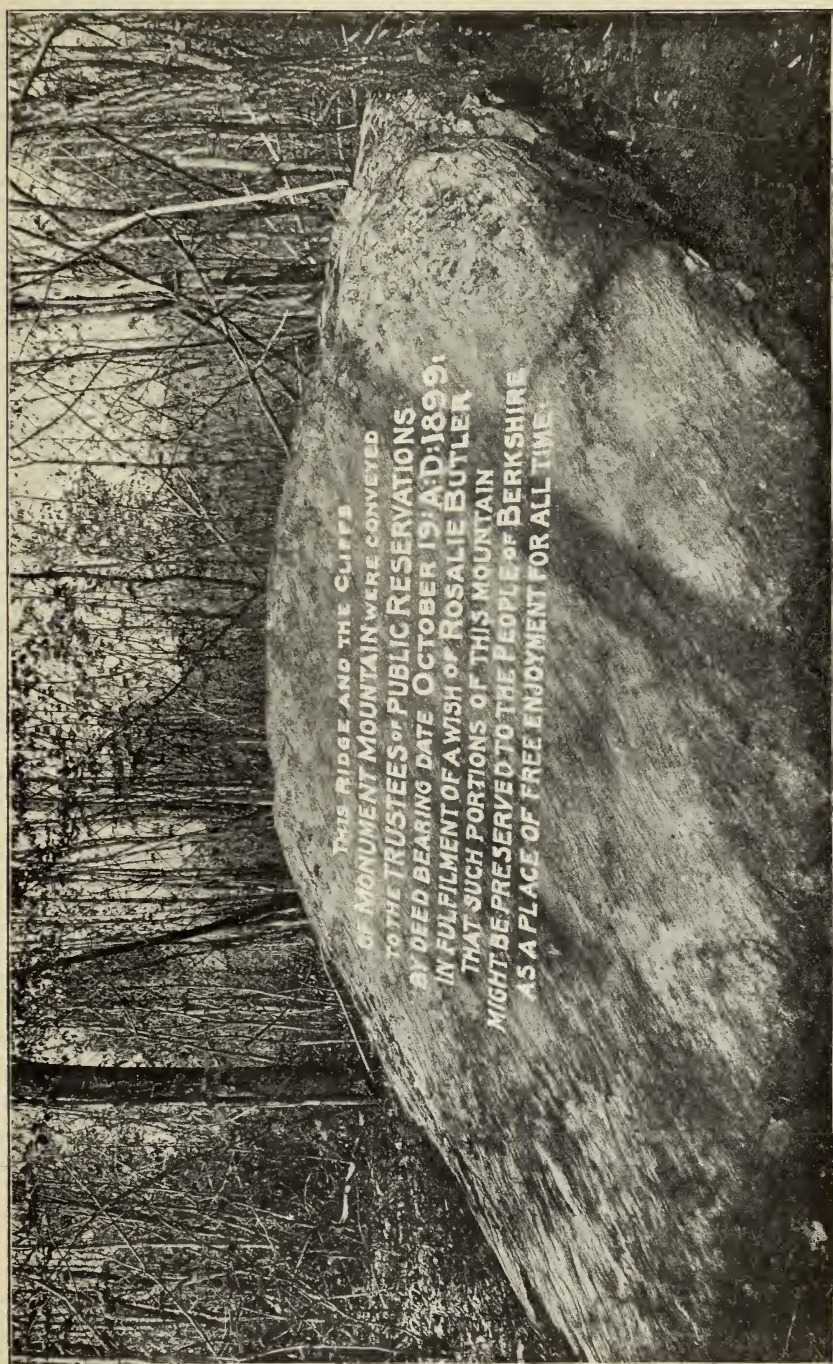
Pine Knoll (6 acres). — Gift of Miss Mary E. Dewey, Miss Laura D. Russell, Mrs. Anna E. Barnard, Mr. Dwight Andrews and Mrs. Francis T. Owen, 1902. A fund of eight hundred dollars was given the following year. Mr. Charles S. Rackemann is the Local Committee.

The reservation lies just off the main street of the town of Sheffield, and includes a grassy terrace of two or three acres jutting out into the Housatonic Meadows and offering views of the valley and of Taghkonic. The knoll is fringed by noble pine trees. Between the Knoll proper and the village there are three more open acres which are used as a playground for the school which faces the reservation.

On Arbor Day last spring Mr. Walter P. Eaton arranged with the school authorities to have the pupils in the adjoining schoolhouse plant seventy-five small pines on the banks of the Knoll. Most of these trees have taken hold, and a good policy for the future replacement of the old pines has been inaugurated. Two or three of the older trees have fallen or have had to be removed during the year. Many others are in a dangerous condition and will have to come down in the near future. It is, therefore, a good time to be starting new growth.

The fence around the south and east sides of the Knoll was in need of repair and has been renewed where necessary.

The strip of land between the Main Street and the Knoll is used as a driveway approach to the school as well as to the reservation. The road was much worn and in need of repair. By agreement with the town the cost of repairing



this road with a new gravel top coat and a new culvert has been divided between the town and the Trustees. The result of the work done under the agreement is a greatly improved appearance and approach to the reservation.

During the year an attempt has been made to discover the usefulness, if any, of the old tennis court on the Knoll. Suggestions looking to the formation of a tennis club or other organization which might use and keep up the tennis court have as yet proved useless. Your Field Secretary recommends that if nothing is done this summer, next autumn the backstops should be removed and the court obliterated by regrading. The present appearance of the court is far from satisfactory.

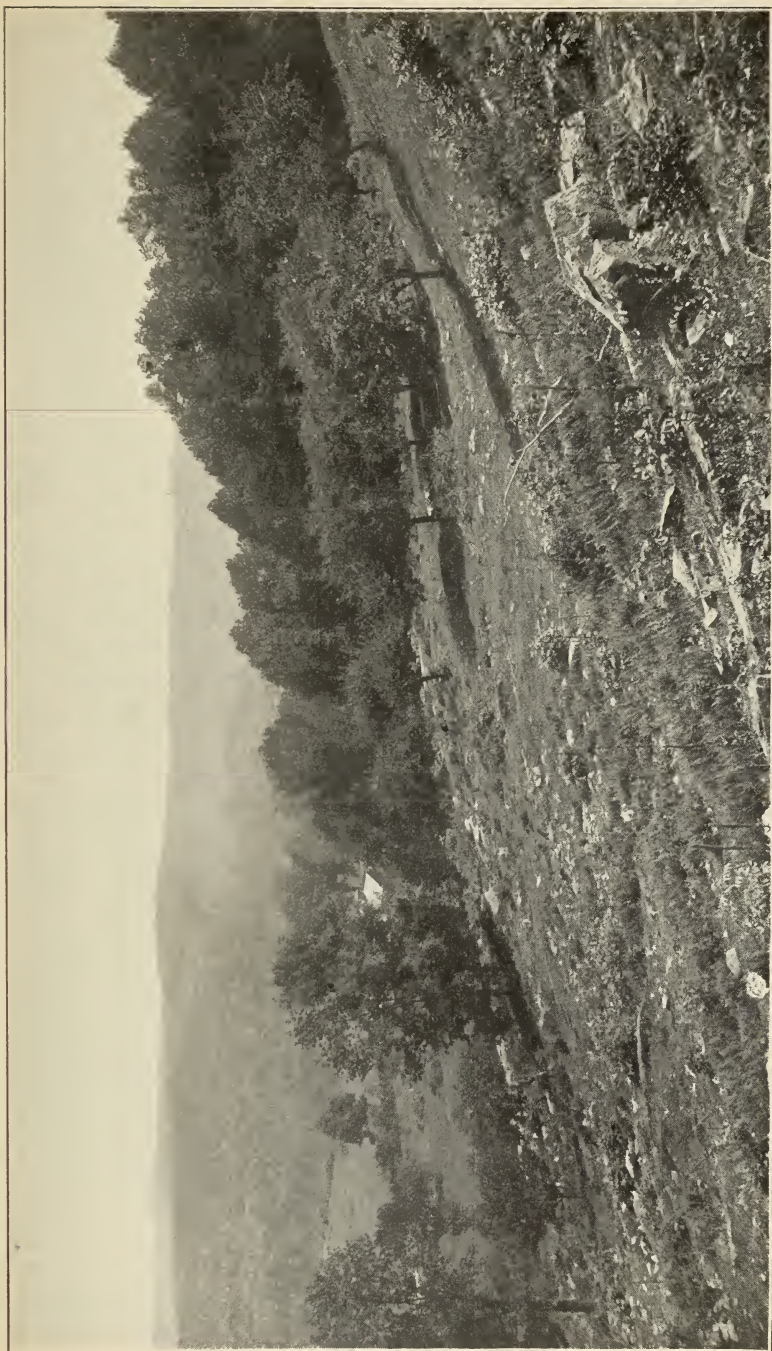
Now that the approach road has been repaired, it might be advisable to erect a sign or tablet at the entrance to the reservation on the main street.

Petticoat Hill (60 acres). — Gift of Mrs. Martha W. Nash in memory of her husband, Edward W. Nash, 1905, together with a fund of one thousand dollars for its care and maintenance. At sundry times Mrs. Nash has also paid for improvement and maintenance work. In 1923 the Trustees acquired 10 acres of additional land. Mr. John Woodbury and the Secretary serve as a Local Committee, and Mr. George A. Thresher is the Custodian.

Petticoat Hill lies just west of the center of the town of Williamsburg, and about seven miles northwest of Northampton. A path to the summit leads through oak and hemlock woods to the upper ledges whence a wide view of the Connecticut Valley may be obtained.

During the last year new paths have been laid out to the ledges on the more recently acquired land, and the views from those ledges have been greatly improved by the clearing and burning of brush.

The pipe line from the spring to the open grass area near the entrance has been replaced and the cover on the spring has been renewed. This work has been done at Mrs. Nash's special request and she has contributed the cost. The usual work on paths, clearing brush, replacing signs, etc., has been done by the Custodian.



PETTICOAT HILL

Just over the boundary line near the town, the Boy Scouts have been building a large structure as their headquarters. While welcoming the probable increased use of the reservation which choice of this site would indicate, one could wish that it had not been necessary to build so close to the reservation entrance. If possible, the Scouts should be persuaded to use a dark green stain on their building, and the Trustees should find means to plant trees and shrubs to improve its setting.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*,
CHARLES S. SARGENT,
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN,
HERBERT PARKER,
JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer*,
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2ND, *Secretary*,
Standing Committee.

JANUARY 27, 1926.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925.

SECURITIES HELD BY THE TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC
RESERVATIONS.*For Monument Mountain Reservation.*

\$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. 4s.

\$5,000 Seattle-Everett Electric Co. 5s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

For General Purpose Fund.

\$5,000 New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Debenture 4s.

\$1,000 Electrical Securities Corporation 5s (10th series).

\$500 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham R.R. Inc. 5s.

\$4,000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yards 5s.

\$10,000 Corning Glass Works 5½s.

\$5,000 New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. 5s.

\$3,000 San Joaquin Light and Power Co., Series C, 6s.

\$2,000 Western Electric Co. 5s.

\$2,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Conv. 4s.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

\$2,000 United Electric Securities Co. 5s.

\$3,000 Yadkin River Power Co. 5s.

For Pine Knoll.

\$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s.

For Mount Ann Park.

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Tr. 4s.

For Petticoat Hill.

\$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. Coll. Tr. 4s.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Balance January 1, 1925	\$4,295 93
Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co. 3½s, 2,000 bonds sold	2,000 00
Coupons on above securities held for this fund	1,852 50
Interest on deposits	86 88
Donation	5 00
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	\$8,240 31

Union Safe Deposit Vaults for rent of safe in vault	\$15 00
\$3,000 Yadkin River Power Co. 5s.	2,925 00
\$2,000 United Electric Security Co. 5s.	1,900 00
Charles W. Eliot 2nd, professional services and secretarial expenses	366 21
Wright & Potter Printing Co., envelopes and letterheads	36 75
Wright & Potter Printing Co., circular letters and slips	18 25
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing Annual Report	114 75
Postage on return to assessors	1 60
Pine Knoll deficit transferred to this account	98 71
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	5,476 27

January 1, 1926, to balance	\$2,764 04
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GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$552 90
Paid town of Milton for spraying	6 50
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January 1, 1926, to balance	\$546 40

MOUNT ANN PARK.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$868 56
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s	40 00
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January 1, 1926, to balance	\$908 56

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

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PINE KNOLL.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$72 50	
Coupons on \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. 3½s	35 00	
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		\$107 50
Paid W. D. French for labor and materials	\$25 10	
Paid W. D. French for services as custodian, year 1924	15 00	
Paid W. D. French for labor, material and fencing	100 11	
Paid W. D. French for labor and supplies	50 00	
Paid W. D. French for services as custodian and cutting trees, year 1925	16 00	
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Deficit	\$98 71	
Deficit transferred to General Purpose Fund	\$98 71	

PETTICOAT HILL.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$490 99	
Coupons on \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 4s	40 00	
Donation for care for year 1925	113 44	
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		\$644 43
Paid George A. Thresher for care, year 1924	\$25 00	
Paid George A. Thresher for care, labor and material for year 1925	113 44	
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January 1, 1926, to balance	\$505 99	

GOODWILL PARK.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$50 41
January 1, 1926, to balance	\$50 41

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Coupons on securities held for this account	\$380 00
Paid Ralph E. Heath, Treasurer, Laurel Hill Association, income for year	380 00

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ROCKY NARROWS.

January 1, 1925, to balance	\$49 03
January 1, 1926, to balance	\$49 03

TRIAL BALANCE.

DR.		CR.	
Cash	\$4,824 43	General Purpose Fund	\$2,764 04
		Governor Hutchinson	
		Field	546 40
		Mount Ann Park	908 56
		Petticoat Hill	505 99
		Goodwill Park	50 41
		Rocky Narrows	49 03
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	\$4,824 43		\$4,824 43

JOHN S. AMES,
Treasurer.

LAUREL HILL ASSOCIATION, STOCKBRIDGE, MASS.

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN RESERVATION.

Balance on hand January 1, 1925	\$1,156 58	
Receipts from Trustees of Public Reser-		
vations during year 1925:		
March 2	190 00	
September 11	190 00	
Received from E. B. Drumm for rent	40 00	
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		\$1,576 58
Expenses during 1925:		
June 6 George L. Buck, labor	\$50 00	
15 George L. Buck, labor	85 00	
27 George L. Buck, labor	49 00	
Aug. 8 E. B. Drumm (1924 and 1925), Serv-		
ices	120 00	
24 E. B. Drumm, burning brush	16 75	
Sept. 12 George L. Buck, labor	71 50	
15 George L. Buck, labor	71 50	
19 George L. Buck, labor	74 00	
Oct. 2 George L. Buck, labor	110 00	
5 George L. Buck, labor	83 50	
13 George L. Buck, labor	81 25	
23 George L. Buck, labor	108 00	
27 George L. Buck, labor	108 00	
Nov. 9 George L. Buck, labor	188 00	
Dec. 1 Frank J. Farrell, making and paint-		
ing signs placed on Monument		
Mountain property	97 50	
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		1,314 00
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Balance on hand	\$262 58	

FRANKLIN C. DOWNING, *Treasurer,*
Laurel Hill Association.

The undersigned has examined the accounts and vouchers of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending December 31, 1925, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
Committee on Audit.

JANUARY 25, 1926.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, *President*, Cambridge.
 GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Vice-President*, Milton.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, *Chairman*, Cambridge.
 CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
 NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
 CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
 HERBERT PARKER, Lancaster.
 JOHN S. AMES, *Treasurer* Ames Building, Boston.
 CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd, *Secretary*, 9 Park Street, Boston.

JOHN A. AIKEN, Greenfield.
 OAKES AMES, North Easton.
 OLIVER AMES, Boston.
 FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.
 W. A. L. BAZELEY, Boston.
 E. PIERSON BEEBE, Falmouth.
 CHARLES S. BIRD, Jr., Walpole.
 HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn.
 GEORGE W. CHASE, Arlington.
 CHARLES A. COOLIDGE, Boston.
 Z. MARSHALL CRANE, Dalton.
 ERNEST B. DANE, Brookline.
 GEORGE B. DORR, Boston.
 WALTER P. EATON, Sheffield.
 WILLIAM ELLERY, Brookline.
 WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT, Danvers.
 DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.
 EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
 CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.
 JAMES GARFIELD, Williamstown.
 W. ROGER GREELEY, Lexington.
 SIDNEY F. HASSELL, Gloucester.
 AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
 AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Jr., Canton.
 HENRY S. HUNNEWELL, Wellesley.
 A. LAWRENCE LOWELL, Cambridge.
 AUGUSTUS P. LORING, Jr., Beverly.
 ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.
 JOHN W. MASON, Northampton.

HENRY MCBURNEY, Stockbridge.
 ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.
 JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.
 WILLIAM A. NIELSON, Northampton.
 FRED'K L. OLMSTED, Brookline.
 FRANCIS PARKMAN, Cambridge.
 DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, Beverly.
 CHARLES S. PIERCE, Milton.
 ROGER PIERCE, Milton.
 JAMES S. PRAY, Cambridge.
 OLIVER PRESCOTT, New Bedford.
 HENRY H. RICHARDSON, Brookline.
 ALEXANDER SEDGWICK, Stockbridge.
 HARVEY N. SHEPARD, Boston.
 ARTHUR A. SHURTLEFF, Boston.
 PHILIP L. SPALDING, Milton.
 WILLIAM H. SPERRY, North Adams.
 CHARLES A. STONE, Plymouth.
 JOHN E. THAYER, Lancaster.
 ALLEN T. TREADWAY, Stockbridge.
 GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
 ROBERT WALCOTT, Cambridge.
 BENTLEY W. WARREN, Williamstown.
 CHAS. G. WASHBURN, Worcester.
 FRANK A. WAUGH, Amherst.
 JOHN WOODBURY, Canton.
 BRADFORD WILLIAMS, Wellesley.
 FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
 B. LORING YOUNG, Weston.

FOUNDERS.

*Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
 Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
 *Mrs. MARY A. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
 *ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
 *HENRY H. FAY, Falmouth.
 *JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
 Miss SARAH B. FAY, Falmouth.
 *JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
 *Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
 Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
 EDWARD W. FORBES, Cambridge.
 *J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
 *JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
 *WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
 *CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
 *ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
 *LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
 Mrs. MARTHA W. NASH, Boston.
 *HENRY PICKERING, Boston.
 *GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
 *Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
 *Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
 Mrs. K. G. T. WEBSTER, Cambridge.
 GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
 JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
 EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
 Miss BREWER, Milton.
 JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
 Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
 Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
 W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
 Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
 J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
 W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
 RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
 H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
 Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.

Miss HELEN L. JAKES, Milton.
 Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.
 NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.
 WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.
 H. A. LAMB, Milton.
 JOHN T. MORSE, Jr., Boston.
 Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.
 CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.
 JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
 CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
 NATHANIEL H. STONE, Milton.
 JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
 ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1925.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR	1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT	1905-1925

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF	1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON	1896-1916
JOHN S. AMES	1917-1920
GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH	1922-1925

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE	1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT	1894-1897
PHILIP A. CHASE	1897-1903
HENRY P. WALCOTT	1903-1925

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH	1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES	1921-1925

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT	1891-1893
HENRY R. SHAW	1894
JOHN WOODBURY	1894-1924
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd	1925

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

	ACRES.
Goodwill Park	139
Rocky Narrows	21
Mount Ann Park	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field	10
Monument Mountain Reservation	260
The Pine Knoll	6
Petticoat Hill	60

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clark, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC
RESERVATIONS.**

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERS.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts and their number shall not exceed one hundred.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by written notice, signed by the member and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

ARTICLE II.

OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows: —

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation of that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed

changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence

of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures pro-

posed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts" and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

APPENDIX A.

LIST OF MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED WITH
ANNUAL REPORTS.

1891. Public Holdings of the Shore Towns of Massachusetts. Report by J. B. Harrison, Agent.
Province Lands. Report by J. B. Harrison, Agent.
Laws relating to Public Open Spaces.
1892. Circulars issued by Preliminary Committee.
Statistics of the Public Open Spaces of Massachusetts. Replies to questionnaire sent out by Secretary.
Report on Province Lands. By Standing Committee to the Legislature.
1893. Public Holdings of Shore Towns in 1893. Report of J. B. Harrison, Agent.
Summary of Rights of Public on Seashores.
Preliminary List of Donors of Public Reservations.
1897. Laws relating to Trees.
1898. "Rufus Putnam." By Hon. George F. Hoar.
1899. "The Modern Highwayman." By Arthur R. Kimball, concerning Outdoor Advertising.
1901. Opinion of Attorney-General on Legislative Restriction of Offensive Advertising.
1902. Report of the Superintendent, Province Lands.
1903. An Act to protect Public Parks from Disfigurement by Advertisements.
1904. Status of Legislation in Regard to Offensive Advertising.
1906. Exercises at Dedication of Charles Eliot Memorial Bridge on Great Blue Hill.
1907. "The Harvard Forest." Official Register of Harvard University.
1909. "The Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations." By Charles W. Eliot.
1921. Agreement between Laurel Hill Association and Trustees of Public Reservations for Care and Maintenance of Monument Mountain Reservation.
1922. "Petticoat Hill, for Example." By Frank A. Waugh.
1923. Acts, Votes, and Deed transferring Virginia Wood to Metropolitan District Commission.

APPENDIX B.

COMMITTEE ON NEEDS AND USES OF OPEN SPACES.

CHARLES S. BIRD, Jr., *Chairman.*

W. ROGER GREELEY, *Vice-Chairman.*

CHARLES W. ELIOT 2nd, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

9 Park Street, Boston, Mass.

CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS.

Appalachian Mountain Club.

Boston Society of Landscape Architects.

Federation of New England Bird Clubs.

Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Massachusetts Civic League.

Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards.

Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs.

Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association.

Massachusetts Forestry Association.

Society for the Preservation of Native New England Plants.

Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

Trustees of Public Reservations.

The Committee aims to —

1. Establish an ideal and comprehensive State Plan for gradual open-space development to enable future citizens of the State to enjoy the advantages of outdoor life, — to plan to-day the needs of to-morrow.

2. Work out with State officials a legislative program that will co-ordinate existing administrative departments and provide administrative functions necessary to develop a comprehensive State plan, with particular emphasis on the needs and uses of open spaces.

To these ends the Committee is collecting and recording information concerning existing public lands. A fund of five thousand dollars is being raised to complete this survey and to print this information in a series of bulletins.

The Committee on Needs and Uses of Open Spaces stands for —

- A. PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES by the establishment of more —
 1. *Public Reservations* to —
 - (a) Preserve the scenic beauties of the State.
 - (b) Preserve historical sites and monuments.
 - (c) Provide for recreation of the public on beaches and in the woods.
 2. *State and Town Forests* to —
 - (a) Provide a supply of timber for the future.
 - (b) Prevent floods and preserve the natural contours.
 - (c) Insure against drought and to protect water-supply areas.
 - (d) Redeem lands of low value and make them profitable.
 - (e) Encourage the development of private wood lots.
 3. *Wild Life Refuges* and Sanctuaries on all State Reservations and Forests for the protection of Birds, Game and Native plants, and the setting aside of particular areas for one or more of these objects.
 4. *Metropolitan and Local Parks and Playgrounds* to —
 - (a) Provide contact with natural beauty for the city dweller.
 - (b) Provide place for active recreation in the form of games.
 5. *Parkways, Pleasure Ways and Other Highways* between public open spaces and connecting them with centers of population.
 6. *Camp Sites and Auto Parks*, separate from park areas with proper sanitary safeguards.
- B. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES to serve all of the people of the State in accordance with a State Plan.
- C. DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES, in accordance with comprehensive plans prepared by qualified experts, to —
 1. Provide effectively for the particular purposes for which the open space was established.
 2. Make accessible by road and trail the features of the area.
 3. Protect the scenic beauties, historical sites and wild life.



